

Sri M. LINGANNA.—Is it not a fact that the estimates of Tumbenerale, Heeranahalli and Doddakanya show that they give a return of $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent as required by the rules?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—I do not think so. My information is that the revenue returns are less than what is required.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—May I know the actual cost of the works and the percentage of return on that basis?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—I would like to have notice.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—May I know whether Government will examine these estimates once again.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Yes.

Agricultural Farm at Doddaghatta Village in Channagiri Taluk.

Q.—704. Sri L. SIDDAPPA (Channagiri).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether in view of the fact that an area of over a lakh of acres will be irrigated by the Bhadra Reservoir Project in Channagiri, Harihar and Davangere Taluks, it was decided to start an Agricultural Farm on the lines of the V.C. Farm near Doddaghatta Village in Channagiri Taluk;

(b) whether the Scheme was deferred by the previous Ministry on the ground that under the go-slow programme of the Bhadra Reservoir Works there was no chance of the area coming under irrigation in the near future;

(c) whether they will revive the Scheme and accord sanction for the establishment of the farm in view of the accelerated programme of Bhadra Reservoir works adopted by the present Ministry.

A.—Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Will be considered.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—Are Government aware that it will take sometime for them to take preliminary measures like

acquisition of land and things like that?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Yes. It would take quite a lot of time.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—If the sanction is accorded immediately, by the time it becomes a full-fledged farm, there will be irrigation facilities. Is it not so?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—The matter is yet to be considered and adequate provision and all that has to be made for this. I know it will take time for a farm to be organised and work to be started and also it will take some more time for the results of the farm to be made available to the cultivator.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—Are Government aware of the need for immediate sanction of the scheme? If the scheme is sanctioned then the officers concerned can take action.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Yes, Sir. It will be considered. As a matter of fact some of the works have been done over and over again. Apart from this the question of starting a farm in this place will be considered as soon as possible.

Holidays given to the Government Press.

Q.—785. Sri P. R. RAMAIA (Basavangudi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of holidays given to the Government Press, Bangalore, what are they;

(b) whether it is a fact that 'Buddha Pournima' and 'Bali Padyami' are not holidays for the workmen of the Government Press, Bangalore;

(c) whether there is an Association of the Employees of the Government Press, Bangalore;

(d) the representations made by them to the Press Authorities?

(e) whether the Authorities have considered these representations favourably?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

A.—(a) 1. Ministerial Establishment.—As per Calendar holidays.

2. Industrial Establishment.—Please see statement below.

(b) They are not holidays for the Industrial Employees.

(c) Yes.

(d) Several representations are being received. The recent representations are as noted in the statement appended below.

(e) Many of the representations have been considered favourably and complied with on their merits, viz:—

(1) Starting of a Canteen ;

(2) Enhancement in the annual grants of the Government Press Employees' Association, Bangalore and Branch Press Employees' Association, Mysore ;

(3) Revision of the scales of pay of employees of the Proof Branch on a par with the Ministerial Employees ;

(4) Enhancing the higher grade posts in the Machine and Binding Branches ;

(5) Enhancing the piece-work wages to Re. 0-4-6, Re. 0-4-0 and Re. 0-3-6 for I Class, II Class and III Class piece-work compositors, respectively ; and

(6) Introduction of " Fall Back Pay " system to piece-work employees when they are not provided with work.

List of Holidays that will be observed by the employees of the Industrial Establishment of the Government Presses as per Government Order No. M. 2409-10—P. & S. 79-16-6, dated 27th August 1947.

Holidays.

Full or Partial.

1	All Sundays and Penultimate Saturdays...	Full
2	New Year's Day ...	Full
3	Uttarayana Punyakala ...	Full
4	Mahasivarathri ...	Full
5	Holi Feast ...	Full (as per G.O. dated 22nd April 1947).
6	Lunar New Year's Day ...	Full
7	Sri Rama Navami ...	To work for 4 hours from 8 or 8-30 A.M.
8	Tamil New Year's Day ...	Full (only those who observe may be allowed to utilise the Holiday on this day as per G.O. dated 22nd April 1947).
9	Good Friday ...	Full
10	His Highness the Maharaja's Birthday...	Full
11	Asvalayana Apasthambha Upakarma ...	Full
12	Gowri Festival ...	To work for 4 hours from 8 or 8-30 A.M.
13	Ganesha ...	Full
14	Mahalaya Amavasya ...	Full
15	Commencement of Dasara ...	Full
16	Durgashtami ...	Full
17	Mahanavami ...	Full
18	Vijayadasami ...	Full
19	Naraka Chaturdasi ...	Full
20	Last day of Muharram ...	Full
21	Christmas Day, 25th December ...	Full

(DR. R. NAGAN GOWDA.)

[*Vide* REPLY TO CLAUSE (d)].

(1) Revision of Scales of Industrial Employees of the Press, in view of the high cost of living, etc. in Bangalore City and to fill up higher grade posts by promotion.

(2) To abolish piece-work system and introduce in its stead time scale of pay, viz., Rs. 40—2—50/E.B. 3—80.

(3) Building to the Association, Society, Dispensary and Canteen.

(4) Waiving the recoveries of certain officials in the Proof Branch.

(5) Building houses on sites granted to the employees by City Improvement Trust Board.

(6) To amend the present rules, re the constitution of the Steering Committee.

(7) Enhancing the grant of the Association from Rs. 100 per annum to Rs. 300 per annum.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—Is the list of holidays being reviewed year by year?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Not exactly. It is not being reviewed. But, since this list was prepared, some of the holidays had to be omitted, such as for instance, King Emperor's Birthday, the last day of Christmas and like that. And also the calendar that was later on published after 1947 omitted some holidays such as Balipadyami.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—Is it not a fact that in the years 1950 and 1951 and 1952, Balipadyami was declared a holiday for the industrial employees?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—So far as the Press was concerned, it was given as a special holiday only in that year.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—Is it not reasonable that within the same premises both kinds of employees should be treated alike with regard to the Balipadyami holiday?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Indeed, there is some difference in the nature of work and the hours of work that the two sections of the members of the staff do here in this department and that is why there have been some differences in the kind of holidays. Of course, as you say, when one part of the staff is enjoying a holiday, the other will also be itching for a holiday and will be in a holiday mood. That I can appreciate.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—Therefore, will the Government consider the question of declaring Budh Pournima and Balipadyami as holidays for the entire Press?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—The question of Balipadyami being declared as a holiday will be considered.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—What about Budh Pournima? It is also a General Holiday for all India and also for the Mysore Government Service people. Therefore, Budh Pournima also will have to be considered by the Government as a holiday for the industrial employees of the Press.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—This question will be examined.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—When was the bifurcation made in the Government Press between the Press employees and the Ministerial employees? And what is the basis for that bifurcation?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—The bifurcation in the hours of work, I believe, has been there all the time because the ministerial staff have been working at different hours and the others have been working for longer hours. The bifurcation in the holidays was done some time, I think, in 1950, when calendars stopped publishing Balipadyami as a holiday.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—Regarding (d), the Employees' Association have made seven representations. What is the action taken by Government regarding 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, Sir?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—So far as their representation regarding the revision of scales of pay is concerned, as the Hon'ble Member is aware, their scales of pay were increased along with the rest of the employees of the Government in 1947. The question of revising

the scales of pay of the other employees of the Government has not been taken up. When that is taken up, this will also be taken up. Then regarding the question of filling up the higher grade posts by permanent officials, it is being done now as per P.S.C. Rules. Regarding No. 2, the abolition of piece-work system, I may say here that Government considered it and have come to the conclusion that it should be left as it is. However, the rates for piece-work have been enhanced in 1952. Regarding buildings to the Association, Society, Dispensary and Canteen, all that I can say is that we must have a new building for all these. When the question of constructing the buildings is taken up, then this will also be considered. Regarding building of houses on sites granted to the employees of City Improvement Trust Board, now we have recommended the representation of the employees to the Labour Housing Corporation. Regarding the sixth one, *viz.*, the rules regarding the constitution of a Steering Committee, we have asked the Director to send up proposals regarding that. With regard to the enhancement of the grant to the Association, orders have already been passed and the enhanced grant has been given.

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN.—Are not these employees governed by Mysore Services Regulations, Sir?

Dr R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Along with Mysore Services Regulations, there are some differences between the Ministerial staff and also the Industrial staff. For instance hours of work are different and we pay also overtime for these employees who are doing work in the industrial section.

Strike in the Electrical Department (Persons arrested and cases launched).

Q.—867. Sri S. GOPALA GOWDA
(Sagar-Hosunagar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of persons with their names arrested in connection with the strike of the Government Electrical Department Employees;

(b) whether they issued any order to withdraw all the cases pending against the persons so arrested and release them immediately after the strike was called off?

A.—Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—(a) 144. For names, please see list appended below.

(b) No; the withdrawal of some of the cases was ordered on 20th January 1955.

List of persons arrested during Government Electrical Department Employees' Strike.

Sl. No. Name of accused

- Sriyuts.—**
- 1 K. L. Krishnarao
 - 2 Desikan
 - 3 N. Ramachandra
 - 4 Jayaram
 - 5 Navaneetharao
 - 6 Hamid Shah
 - 7 N. Nagarajan
 - 8 Rama Mudaliar
 - 9 Gangiah
 - 10 Balaram
 - 11 Balaram
 - 12 Chinniah

Sl. No. Name of accused

- Sriyuts.—**
- 13 Jayaseetharam Murthy
 - 14 Satyanarayanamurthi
 - 15 S. Gopala Gowda, M.L.A.
 - 16 A. Thimmiah
 - 17 R. S. M. Paul
 - 18 Krishniah
 - 19 Anthony
 - 20 Rame Gowda
 - 21 B. Ramiah
 - 22 B. V. Rangappa
 - 23 Rangaswamy
 - 24 Ganesh